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From left, Bill Davidson, Jacquie Papet, Brian Carroll and Auxiliary Sgt. Chris Moran at Stuff the Command Post at Walmart in Bradford on Dec. 3. See more on Page 5.

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Survey helps plan regional transportation

Midhurst – Simcoe County residents are being asked to help shape the future of transportation – roads, highway improvements, transit and GO transit improvements – in Simcoe County and beyond.

The Transportation Tomorrow Survey, in partnership with the county, government of Ontario, Toronto Transit Commission, Metrolinx-GO Transit and 18 municipal/local governments in the Greater Toronto Area and Greater Golden Horseshoe, is looking at long-term planning of the transportation system. Approximately 160,000

households across southern Ontario are being randomly selected to complete the survey, and will receive a letter or phone call asking them to take part. Participating in the survey is an opportunity to provide valuable information that may be used to shape the transportation landscape in the province.

The survey is confidential, takes approximately 10 minutes to complete, and focuses on where members of the household age 11 and older travelled the previous day, how they got to and from their destinations, and a few demographic questions.

"The time you devote to completing the survey is a direct investment in your future," said Simcoe County Warden Gerry Marshall. "Information shared by residents from all walks of life who use every mode of transportation, including drivers, public transit users, cyclists and pedestrians, will go a long way to ensuring our region's transportation infrastructure meets their needs."

The survey was first conducted in 1986 and is repeated every five years. The information is used in transportation planning and investment decisions.

Kirkup Woods added to county forest

MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times

The Simcoe County Forest has grown in size with the addition of 104 acres (42 hectares) in Bradford West Gwillimbury.

The property is the Kirkup Woods, described as Part Lot 16, Concession 12 in Bradford West Gwillimbury – a portion of the 200-acre farm formerly owned by the Kirkup family on the 13th Line of Bradford West Gwillimbury. The farm was established in 1921 by Robert and Mary Kirkup, then farmed until 1991 by their son, Robert Douglas, and his wife, Gladys (Moriarty) Kirkup.

The woodland was used as a sugar bush and managed for timber and cordwood, and was a favourite playground for the Kirkup children and siblings, who retained ownership of the land.

Family members Paul Kirkup, Shirley M. Smith, Carolyn J. Kirkup, Katharine E. Binks and Marilyn D. Kirkup, widow of Jack Kirkup, issued a statement



MIRIAM KING, BRADFORD TIMES

View of the 13th Line of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

on the announcement of the acquisition: "The Kirkup family is most happy to know that the conservation legacy of our parents will continue. Serving as a resource for our family farm, playground for our family, and nurturing our lasting love and passion for the outdoors, we cherish these woods and are

extremely pleased that this habitat will be preserved for future generations."

Kirkup Woods includes diverse woodland, streams and valleyland, and provides significant wildlife habitat. With the addition, the Simcoe County Forest now covers 32,700 acres in total.

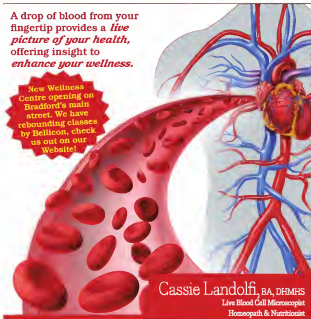
"We are thrilled to have the support to be able to add a unique and rare parcel of forest land in an area of the county that continues to see significant growth and development," said Graeme Davis, County of Simcoe forester. "It is also gratifying to know that the Kirkups are so pleased to see the family property become a Simcoe County Forest."

"It was important for the family to see that property preserved and to have it open for public use ... and to name it 'Kirkup'."

The county already owns three other forest tracts in Bradford West Gwillimbury – the Welsh Tract at 3960 Line 12, the Hodson Tract at 3537 Line 11, and the Sinclair Tract at 4022 Sideroad 10.

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Point of View

Penny-wise, pound foolish?

Last month, Bradford West Gwillimbury council spent an intense two days going over the proposed 2017 operating and capital budgets line by line, to hold the blended property tax increase – for the combined municipal, police, education, county and conservation authority levies – to 1.98%.

It was a laudable goal, at a time when many residents are struggling financially.

It was at times painful, as council deferred numerous proposed expenditures to 2018, or beyond.

And at times, it was a case of “penny wise, pound foolish.” There were several proposed expenditures that could have saved the town significant dollars, but were “kicked down the road” to be considered at a future date.

Councillors bemoaned the increase in hydro costs, but deferred a proposed \$85,000 expenditure to switch over the

fluorescent lights at the BWG Leisure Centre ice rinks to LED lighting – a switch other municipalities have undertaken, and that has led to significant savings.

They also “deferred” a \$45,000 expenditure for a digital fuel monitor, to help track fuel loss in the fleet – a loss estimated at 173,093 litres in the past five years.

At the same time, council approved \$45,000 in new signage for the Artesian Industrial Park and other areas – areas where one might think local businesses should be responsible for their own signage, and where funding could be available through the Industrial Community Improvement Plan Area, without dipping into town reserves.

Council is obviously taking the responsibility of budget deliberations seriously. We would just like to see a better balance, giving long-term savings and efficiencies equal weight with cost cutting.

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Decorator's Edge Toy Drive



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Carolyn Bunn and Lawrence Heilings of Decorator's Edge Benjamin Moore Paints are hoping the community will help “fill the crib” at the store, located at 284 Holland St. W. in Bradford. For more than a decade, Decorator's Edge has held a Christmas toy drive for local families and Simcoe Muskoka Family Connections (formerly Children's Aid), welcoming donations to help fill the crib with toys and gifts, and give kids a merrier Christmas. The owners are pictured Dec. 2 during the launch of the toy drive.

Letter to the Editor

APRIL FOOLS?

To the editor: Regarding “Town looks for more revenue.”

I have to give the Bradford Times kudos for knowing what catches the eye. The word “revenue” in bold, black type right above a red and blue fire hydrant made me read the article about the town staff looking for ideas to increase revenue. I found myself looking at the date, to make sure it wasn't April 1.

Turning the whole town into one big ad – what a great idea! But why stop there? This town already has enough entertainment value to create a whole reality show. Just think what that would do to our already booming housing market. Reality stars have even come to rule nations!

A TV crew could walk around town and see all sorts of sights: They could go for a hike in the woods, just outside our suburban (not rural) town, and risk getting shot by a hunter; how thrilling is that? They could come around on a Thursday, after a windy Wednesday night, and see the streets looking like the dump got loose and parted until dawn.

They could follow the people putting

illegal advertising signs all over town, and then the guy who goes around pulling them out! That one makes me laugh; they already have a phone number to work with. Make it a \$500 fine per sign, prosecute, and we're in business here. Talk about revenue!

How about making the town safer while making money at the same time? Why not offer a handful of full-time individuals with the authority to ticket for bylaw violations? They could alternate days, issuing tickets and going to court to defend them. It's not a popular idea, but if any place could support such a venture, it would be here.

Bradford West Gwillimbury is not like those stuffy communities that try to keep things looking a certain way. Mature trees and picturesque green space? The only green we need has dollar signs. We did a great job of beautifying downtown; now let's slap ads on everything out front!

We should be asking why we are short on revenue. What has caused it? If over-development is the cause, then developers need to pay more.

C. MOORE,
BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY

You stuffed the command post

STAFF

Residents in both Innisfil and Bradford West Gwillimbury did it - they stuffed the South Simcoe Police mobile command post, filling the trailer from end to end with donated gifts and toys for CTV's Toy Mountain and Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions (formerly Children's Aid).

The command post started out at the Canadian Tire Store in Alcona on Friday afternoon. By nightfall, the back of the trailer was more than one-third full, with shoppers bringing bags of toys or running inside the store to browse the toy department, coming out with toy trucks and princess dolls, stuffed bears and more, to give kids in need a merrier Christmas. On Day 2 of the toy drive, the command post moved to Bradford, to the Walmart Supercentre; on Day 3, it was at the Bradford Canadian Tire Store. Not only was the trailer "stuffed" to capacity, there were shopping carts filled with gifts for older kids,



South Simcoe Police Const. Rob Enright plays elf at the Stuff the Command Post toy drive at Canadian Tire in Bradford on Dec. 4.

donated by the store itself, and gifts piling up as the command post overflowed.

Officers and auxiliaries, dressed as Santa's elves, thanked the community for its support.

Calling the response "overwhelming," Const. Rob Enright said, "It's fantastic to see such a generous response. We had more

people and more donations than any other year we've done this," filling the command post more than once, with thousands of toys and gift cards.

The huge load of toys was delivered to Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions on Dec. 5, to be distributed to families in need in time for Christmas.



Toys pile up outside the South Simcoe Police command post at the Canadian Tire Store in Bradford on Dec. 4.

Stuff the fire truck

STAFF

Every Zehrs Market store is holding a toy and food drive this holiday season to benefit local shelters and food banks.

Zebras at 500 Holland St. W. in Bradford has been collecting food donations for the Blue Door Shelters and Helping Hand Food Bank, as well as donations of warm mitts, scarves and hats for a tree of warmth inside the store to be distributed to those in need, and toys for the Blue Door Shelter for women and

families coping with homelessness.

On Dec. 10, Bradford West Gwillimbury firefighters will be lending a hand, bringing a fire truck to the store between 10 a.m. and noon, and inviting the community to "stuff the fire truck" with toys, for children at the Blue Door, who are facing an uncertain Christmas, and kids in care at Southlake Regional Health Centre. The community is asked to come out and be generous, sharing the gifts of the season.

Down East at the legion

Friday night social. Every Friday at 6 p.m., drop by the Bradford legion, 115 Back St., for a meal at a reasonable price, followed by entertainment. The first Friday of the month features karaoke at 8 p.m.; the third Friday is pub night. On Dec. 16, pub night will have a Christmas party theme. No cover charge.

The legion is definitely going "Down East" this month. On Dec. 17, the Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a **Newfie Christmas dance**, including a traditional jiggs dinner.

And on New Year's Eve,

Dec. 31, the Down East Girls host a **New Year's Eve party**, with a roast beef dinner at 6:30 p.m., entertainment by The Cruisers and a great celebration of the new year. \$50 per person, or \$80 per couple. For tickets, call Alice at 905-775-6245 or Dianne at 705-424-8378.

On Jan. 1, the president and executive of the Bradford legion Branch 521 extend new year's greetings to the community. Drop by the legion for light refreshments starting at 1 p.m. at the annual **president's levee**.

Friday-night karaoke

on Jan. 6 will feature Jay's Karaoke Party at 8 p.m. No cover.

The legion is here for Canada's vets. There is support available for veterans and their spouses, whether at home or in a nursing home or care facility. You don't have to be a legion member to ask for assistance. Contact veteran services officer Ron Harmer at 705-775-4919.

For more information on events, programs and membership in the legion or the Ladies Auxiliary, or hall rentals, call Branch 521 at 905-775-5025.

News Briefs

St. John's Presbyterian Church is hosting a Christmas pageant

The Christmas season isn't a joyous time of year for everyone. For those struggling with loss, illness or loneliness, it can be a stressful

Christmas at St. John's

on Dec. 11 at 11 a.m. Christmas Eve service will take place Dec. 24

at 7 p.m. Christmas Day service, Dec. 25 at 11 a.m.

Blue Christmas

season. On Dec. 14, Bradford United Church and Trinity Anglican Church are coming together for a "Blue Christmas service" at Bradford United, 66

Barrie St., at 7:30 p.m. Father Rob Sweet will be presiding. All are welcome to drop in for quiet carols, scripture and a silence, followed by refreshments.

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For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division at 905-775-5366.

Regular Meeting of Council & Committee of the Whole

• Tue. Dec. 8 @ 7:00 p.m. – BWG Library
425 Holland St. W – Zima Room

Board/Committee

Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

• Thu. Dec. 8 @ 6:30 p.m. – BWG Library
425 Holland St. W – Boardroom

Police Services Board

• Mon. Dec. 12 @ 7:00 p.m. – Innisfil Town Hall
2101 Innisfil Beach Rd. – Community Room

Active Transportation/Recreation Committee

• Wed. Dec. 14 @ 6:30 p.m.
305 Barrie St., Unit 2 – Boardroom

Grand Openings & Anniversaries

Oxford Learning Centre – Grand Opening

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All approved projects will be included in the Town's Canada 150 marketing campaign.

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First non-Lion presented with fellowship

STAFF

The Bradford Lions Club held a special holiday breakfast Dec. 4 at the Lions Den – an opportunity to recognize “partners in service and volunteers,” expressing “our gratitude and appreciation to each and every one of you,” said president Bob Pegg.

The first award to be handed out was the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship, the highest award in Lionism, recognizing humanitarian values that include compassion and concern for the less fortunate.

This year, for the first time, the Bradford club presented the fellowship to a non-Lion, Miriam King, long-time editor of the Bradford Times.

The award, consisting of a plaque, lapel pin and congratulatory letter signed by Lions Clubs International Foundation chair Iitsuhiko Yamada, is named for Lions, founder of Lions Clubs International. It was presented to King for her ongoing support and coverage of Lions activities and events over the past 25

years.

Although not a member of the organization, “she is a Lion at heart,” said Pegg. King thanked the Lions, calling it “a privilege” to work with service groups that are so committed to the community.

Other awards presented included the Judge Brian Stevenson Award for achievement and involvement, to Lion Bill Bargent, and an award recognizing James Leduc’s 12 years as a Lion.

Special guest and long-time partner of the Lions, realtor Robin Evans, made a donation from his charity golf tournament through the Lions, to the Canadian Tire Jumpstart program – presenting \$2,000 to store owner/operator Mark Stecker, to provide recreational opportunities to youth facing financial barriers.

Lions Clubs International, founded in 1917, is the largest service organization in the world, with an estimated 1.4 million members in 206 countries. The Bradford club, which



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Bradford Lions Club president Bob Pegg presents the Melvin Jones Fellowship to Miriam King at the recognition breakfast on Dec. 4.

will celebrate its 80th anniversary in 2017, has contributed to local schools, libraries, the town’s recreation – including the Lions Pool and new Lions Aquatics Centre – minor sports, the food bank, Santa Claus Parade, Southlake Regional Health Centre and

numerous other causes.

Recently, the club has sponsored a Leo Club for youth between the ages of 12 and 18.

For more information on Lions, or to get involved, call 905-775-5455 or see facebook.com/bradfordlions.

Leo club charter night

**MIRIAM KING
Bradford Times**

It has taken only a couple of months for the Bradford Leo Club, a service organization for youth ages 12 and older, to receive its charter.

Sponsored by the Bradford and District Lions, the new club’s 19 members were inducted on Nov. 30 at a charter night dinner attended by family members, representatives of local Lions clubs, Lions International director Tom Gordon and wife Gillian, and district governor Len Day, who inducted the Leo.

Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Rob Keffer welcomed the Leo club. “It’s great to have a new youth organization that’s going to help our community,” he said, praising the Lions for their contributions and inspiration. “You’ve got great role models to see you through.”

Keffer noted there are 6,500 Leo clubs in 149 countries around the world. “I think that’s the important thing, the international aspect of it,” opening international opportunities to the young members.

In fact, said Tom Gordon, there are approximately 1.4 million Lions – “not counting the Leo” – in 47,000 clubs in 213 countries.

It’s all volunteer, Gordon told the young members. “You don’t get paid. What do you get out of it? It’s hard to describe. You have to do it. You have to see the pleasure on someone’s face when you do something for them. You can’t describe it.”

The new club will learn leadership skills and earn more than the 40 volunteer hours needed to graduate from high school – and, he said, “The Lions are going to learn from you. You have all this energy ... Come up with



MIRIAM KING/BRADFORD TIMES

Lions International director Tom Gordon addresses the members of the new Bradford Leo Club on Nov. 30.

these great ideas. Don’t be afraid to express them.”

The Leo club is youth-run and youth-led, although operated under the guidance of the Bradford Lions. The first meeting was held Sept. 14 at the Lions Den, when liaisons Lions Jim Sylkhus and Jennifer Pegg explained the organization to interested teens, preteens and their parents.

There’s no downside to

becoming a Leo, Sylkhus noted. The Lions pay all membership dues, the community benefits as the Leo organize fundraising events and choose the charities they will support, and “the kids will get more than 100 hours of community service ... You make lifelong friends.”

For more information, contact Sylkhus at jsylkhus@bwg.ca or the Bradford Lions Club at 905-775-9170.

Soloviev returns to Centre for the Arts

Bradford - Vladimir Soloviev is a Toronto-based pianist, accompanist and educator, a musician with a versatile repertoire and a passion for sharing his appreciation of Canadian contemporary composers, Beethoven, Liszt, Rachmaninoff, and Ferruccio Busoni's transcriptions of J.S. Bach. Winner of the Pattison Piano Competition at Western University - twice - and the University Concert Competition, with a master's from the Eastman School of Music, Soloviev is an active chamber musician and soloist, and will be bringing both his artistry and understanding to the Bradford

Centre for the Arts (Bradford United Church), 66 Barrie St. on Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

The piano recital and lecture will feature Bach's Partita No. 4 in D Major, Spesslitz by Liszt, and the Sonata no. 30 in E major by Beethoven.

"The program explores the lighter side of classical music," Soloviev said. "These works are singularly light and translucent. They bridge the idea of poetic finesse, and an easy grace that will be accessible to all."

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for students and seniors, and are available by calling 905-751-5335, or at the door. Refreshments and a cash bar will be available.



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Pianist Vladimir Soloviev will be returning to the Bradford Centre for the Arts (Bradford United Church) on Dec. 10.

A musical Christmas

Christmas Concert for Kids

The Innisfil IdealAB and Library Lakeshore Branch hosts a Christmas Concert for Kids on Dec. 10, featuring the Simcoe County Band. Starts at 3 p.m., when kids can make their own instruments at the craft table; the concert starts at 3:30 p.m. Free. At the Lakeshore branch on Innisfil Beach Road in Alcona.

Christmas blessings

Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Parish is planning an evening of blessings on Dec. 17 - starting with the blessing of the church's Christmas

tree at 6:30 p.m., and followed by Christmas music and caroling. All are welcome to come out to the church, 167 Essa St. in Bradford, for an evening of celebration through Christmas music. Refreshments will end the evening.

Christmas Around the World

The Huronia Symphony Orchestra and a local choir provide a musical journey through seasonal favourites, and a carol sing-along. On Dec. 17 at 7 p.m., at the Innisfil Community Church, 1571 Innisfil Beach Rd. For tickets, call 705-721-4752.

Kleinburg Treble Makers

The Kleinburg Treble Makers, an a cappella women's ensemble, will share a Christmas and holiday program, and sing-along, at the Bradford United Church's Bradford Centre for the Arts, 66 Barrie St. on Dec. 18 at 3 p.m. Admission is \$5, with the proceeds going to the BWG Community Initiative's Bradford Community Meal. The ensemble is well known in the area and has performed at the Ontario Vocal Festival's Jazz Festival, opening of the Vaughan Farmers' Market, Christmas in Kleinburg and many other venues.



Etahn, 4, and five-month-old Ophelia meet Santa Claus at the BWG Celebrates Christmas event in Bradford on Dec. 2.

BWG Celebrates Christmas

STAFF

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury welcomed families to the BWG Leisure Centre on Dec. 2 for the annual BWG Celebrates Christmas tree lighting, carol singing, free skating, crafts and free photos with Santa.

Santa Claus arrived in time to lead the countdown, bringing a dusting of light snow. He was greeted by Mayor Rob Keffler and members of council, and the Bradford Children's Choir, which sang songs like Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer with the all-

ages crowd. Then the action moved indoors for free skating sponsored by Royal LePage, hot chocolate, marshmallows and cookies provided by RBC, and free photos with Santa, courtesy of Ken Sikken Photography. Although the event celebrates Christmas, it was an invitation to everyone in Bradford's multicultural community to come out and explore Christmas traditions and celebrate the season - a thank-you to the town's residents.

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BWG Heritage Matters: What is listing?

The Ontario Heritage Act is designed to provide municipalities with a framework to ensure properties of cultural, historical or architectural value are protected.

With this legislation, the Bradford West Gwillimbury municipal government is expected to be proactive in preserving heritage, by establishing a municipal Registry of significant but non-designated properties. Listing on the Municipal

Registry does not provide heritage protection. It provides only short-term protection, by requiring a 60-day if the owner applies for a demolition permit. The delay gives council time to make a well-informed decision about the possible long-term protection of the property, if deemed necessary.

The BWG Heritage Committee has helped identify more than 300 properties, now listed on the town's registry. One of those properties is located on Highway 88 in

Bond Head — a two-storey, 19th-century Gothic Revival farmhouse located on land originally granted to Ralph Willoughby in 1828.

The farm was purchased in 1861 by Samuel Manning, his wife, Cassandra, and daughter, Isabella. Manning was likely the proprietor of the Queen's Hotel in Bond Head, and the house was built for the Manning family sometime between 1865 and 1870, replacing an existing wooden structure. Members of the

Manning family occupied the home until the 1920s.

The house is red brick, with dichromatic yellow brick accents, in the form of quoins in the corners, a belt course of brick, and window lintels. The use of two colours of brick is very common in this area. The house itself is limited to a few basic design elements. The most prominent features are the Gothic Revival embellishments, added to a simple, square Georgian-type building.

Gothic Revival is the Victorian version of medieval architecture, with pointed arches derived from medieval cathedrals. In Ontario, Gothic Revival allowed builders and carpenters greater freedom to experiment with wooden decorative embellishments. Examples on this house include the steeply pitched central gable with final quartered attic windows, wooden king and queen posts with trefoil designs on the vergeboards, stopping eyebrow windows, arched or drip moldings, and second-floor Gothic arched doors and original stained glass.

The main entrance keeps much of the simplicity of the earlier Georgian style. Evidence suggests there was originally a porch on three sides of the house, and a landing for the



Gothic Revival brick farmhouse shows many original features, including the dichromatic brickwork, Georgian-style entrance with transom, and steep gable, on Highway 88 in Bond Head.

second floor doors. It doesn't have the fanciful "gingerbread" vergeboards of many homes of the era, instead relying on the verticality of the central gable, and the use of wooden beams to impress.

Although the windows have been replaced there are still many original features — including original pine floor boards, lath and plaster walls, wooden wainscoting and baseboards, and beautiful walnut handrail and newel post on the staircase. The parlor still retains the unusual and elaborate plaster and pierced wood, and plaster-covered crown moldings.

It's obvious that for owner Ian Cooper, maintaining this historic home is a labour of love — and listing on the registry just

underlines its importance.

"I guess the reason I wanted my house on the registry is that I feel as Canadians we tend to ignore our rich cultural, historical and built heritage, and seem to adopt what we see on television," said Cooper. "One of the most direct connections to our heritage is the architecture that surrounds us. I feel it is not only beautiful to look at but also fascinating in the way it reflects the craftsmanship, efforts, dreams and hopes of the people who came before us."

"Having my house on the registry or list is simply a way for the town to know what might be worth preserving for future generations." Article courtesy of the BWG Heritage Committee

Art for the food bank

PAUL NOVOSAD/SPECIAL TO THE BRADFORD TIMES

For the past eight years, students from local elementary schools have donated their participation in the Bradford West Gwillimbury Studio Art Tour. This year, 20 students from four schools — Mother Teresa, St. Jean de Brebeux and St. Marie of the Incarnation Catholic schools, and Chris Hadfield Public School — provided priceless pieces of art for a fundraising silent auction.

The proceeds were earmarked for the Bradford Helping Hand Food Bank. With an additional generous donation from TD Canada Trust, Sobey's, and the Art and Gift Gallery Network, funds were raised to be able to purchase \$2,147 worth of groceries for the food bank. Organizers thank the student artists, TD Canada Trust, Bradford Sobey's, and the Art and Gift Gallery. From



left, Linda Clark, board member with the Helping Hand Food Bank, student artists Jasmyne Grant and Stephanie Ferreira, Stella Wadsworth — co-organizer of the BWG Studio Art Tour, food bank treasurer Alvin Belanger, artist volunteer Corinne Donnelly and teacher volunteer Catherine Ferreira, are pictured with food donation at Sobey's in Bradford on Nov. 29.

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Demolition permitted

The BWG Heritage Committee described the circa 1908 home at 220 Holland St. W. as a "pleasing" example of Edwardian architecture, but agreed to its demolition, although it is listed on the town's heritage registry, to make way for a condominium apartment building. The reason? After an architectural assessment by members of the committee, they concluded, "it is not unique, not part of a historic streetscape, and has only moderate historical associations."

The single-family home is one of several buildings in Bradford built using "cast concrete blocks" manufactured with a unitized surface in imitation of cut stone. However, the concrete is spalling and delaminating, the elaborate porch is a recent addition, and the committee did not recommend heritage designation. Instead, they asked some of the historic components be salvaged and possibly reused, and that the owners install a plaque recognizing the history of the home.

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Community Listings

THURS., DEC. 8

BOND HEAD-BRADFORD GARDEN CLUB POTLUCK:
The Club wraps up the season with a Christmas Potluck at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd., 6 p.m. Members celebrate the end of the year with good food, good company and great entertainment.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS:
Blue Christmas Service at St. James United Church, 2230 Victoria St. W. in Stroud, at 7 p.m. Please register by calling 705-436-5225 or email stamesunit@rogers.com for Dec. 8. Light refreshments will be served.

SAT., DEC. 10

CAROLLING AROUND THE CAMPIRE: At Scanlon Creek Conservation Area. A great family evening, 6 to 8 p.m., that includes make-and-take Pinecone Bird Feeders, a Nature Discovery Table, carolling and storytelling around a bonfire with guest musicians, hot chocolate, and a candlelit Winter Night Hike. Only \$10 per vehicle, or free with annual membership at Scanlon. To register or for more information contact Friends@Scanlon@gmail.com.

VLADIMIR SOLOVIEV PERFORMS: For a second time, Soloviev brings his artistry, knowledge and passion for music to the Bradford Centre for the Arts (Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St.) for a piano recital and lecture, featuring Bach, Beethoven and Liszt. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for students and seniors, at 905-793-5335. Evening includes refreshments, and a cash bar.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:
Innifish Library best breakfast with Santa at the Innifish Lions Hall, 982 Innifish Beach Rd. 9 a.m. to noon. \$5 per person for pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, tea or juice, colouring and crafts for the kids. Face-painting, Santa's Store. Bring your camera to take photos with Santa, and a donation for the Innifish Food Bank.

FESTIVITIES WITH FRIENDS: The Friends of the Innifish IdealAB & Library host an hour-long program at the Lakeshore Library at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Songs, crafts, storytime and a visit from Santa. Free.

Soccer team gives back



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The Bradford Eagles 2003 girls' soccer team gives from the heart. After learning of the devastating wildfires that raged across northern Alberta and destroyed an estimated 2,400 homes in Fort McMurray earlier this year, the Eagles held a garage-sale fundraiser. Some of the money raised went to assist a teammate in hospital. The rest went to assist a family from Fort McMurray who lost their home. The players wanted to do something to help others, with the game of soccer in mind. They reached out to the Fort McMurray Minor Soccer Association and made a \$300 donation to the club on behalf of a family that included three young soccer players – a donation that will help the three players soccer in 2017, after losing their home and possessions in the wildfire.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR KIDS: The Simcoe County Band returns to the Lakeshore Branch of the Innifish IdealAB & Library, 3 to 4 p.m. Starts with crafts at 3 p.m., when kids can make their own instruments – followed by the concert of seasonal music at 3:30 p.m. Free.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS CRAFTS & FOOD DRIVE: Stroud Dental Clinic, 8000 Yonge St. in Stroud, hosts the 4th annual Christmas Crafts & Food Drive, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

TUES., DEC. 13

YORK-SIMCOE NATURALISTS MEET: At the River Drive Park Community Centre, 20 Oak Ave. in River Drive Park (off Queensville St., north of Holland Landing) at 7:30 p.m. Pat Burchell of the Mycological Society of Toronto, on Fungi and their Role in Nature. Lug a mug.

THURS., DEC. 15

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETS: The Newmarket group of the Prostate Cancer Canada Network meets at the Newmarket Seniors Meeting Place, 474 Davis Drive in Newmarket, 6:30 p.m. Informal Christmas get-together, with Dessert Potluck. For information see www.newmarketprostatecancer.org or call 905-895-1975.

WANT YOUR EVENT INCLUDED? SEND US YOUR INFO

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SAT., DEC. 17

HURONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY EXPRESS: Music around the world and a Carol Sing, with Barrie's Huronia Symphony Orchestra, 7 p.m. at the Innifish Community Church, 1571 Innifish Beach Rd. Tickets are \$25, \$10 or \$5 available at www.huroniasymphony.ca or at Remax Chay Realty, 1700 Innifish Beach Rd. (Crossroads Plaza), or 705-723-4752.

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Portuguese Cultural Centre of Bradford, 767 Simcoe Road, hosts a free party, 2 to 5 p.m. Entertainment, activities, crafts and a gift from Santa. Free, but donations welcomed. Please register by Dec. 14 RSVP by contacting Cristina Perdigal, 905-225-1859 or pcperdigal@gmail.com.

EVENING OF BLESSINGS: Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church in Bradford

hosts an evening of blessings, starting with the Blessing of the Christmas tree, 6:30 p.m., followed by Christmas music and carolling. All welcome. Refreshments.

MEETINGS

COMMUNICATION GROUP FOR PEOPLE WITH APHASIA: A weekly communication group for people with Aphasia is held every Friday, 9-11 a.m., at the Harmonize for Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic, in the Sadon Health & Wellness Centre at Georgian College's Barrie Campus (Room M233). No cost. For information, contact Brittany MacKichan, Communicative Disorders Assistant, at brmac@hsc.marchionne.ca or 867-775-8882.

AL-ANON: Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Martyrs of Japan Church Basement, 167 Eisa St. in Bradford. For more information, visit www.al-anon.alateen.org or call 1-888-441-ANON.

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Christmas in nature Deck the Trails

Deck the Trails with Seeds and Berries, at Cold Creek Conservation Area in Nobleton, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon. Make a special gift for winter birds by making bird feeders, and explore the trails of the Claremont Field

Centre. Pre-register at trca.ca/event/, explore-township-king-deck-trails-seeds-berries/?instance_id=870. Cold Creek is located at 14125 Concession 11.

York-Simcoe Naturalists

York Simcoe Naturalists meet

at the River Drive Park Community Centre, 20 Oak Ave. in River Drive Park (off Queensville Sideroad, north of Holland Landing) on Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Pat Burchell of the Mycological Society of Toronto, on fungi and their role in nature. Lug a mug.

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Girls' Night Out at The Pink Closet

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The Pink Closet hosted its fourth annual Girls' Night Out fashion show and reception on Nov. 18, an opportunity to enjoy refreshments and treats and check out The Pink Closet's latest stylings for the holiday season.

The fashion show featured casual and party wear for fall and winter, with hairstyling, make-up and tips by Brittany Buck Hair and Beauty Boutique.

The RSVP-only evening also featured stellar entertainment by singers and best friends Amelia Martens and Melissa Ellis, who had the standing-room-only crowd singing along.

The Pink Closet owners Cindy Wedelich and Tamara Jones thank Brittany Buck and her team, Bradford

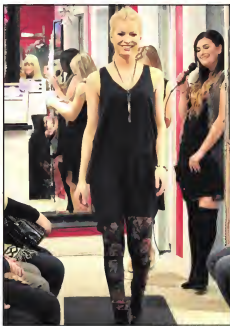


Musical friends Amelia Martens and Melissa Ellis perform at the Girls' Night Out fashion show at The Pink Closet in Bradford on Nov. 18.

Skin Clinic, Crumbs Bake Shoppe, Vin Bon Bradford, Cut It Out Custom Designs, and

Sweet T's Catering and Confectionery, for making the Girls' Night Out a success - and all of

the ladies who brought non-perishable food items for the Helping Hand Food Bank.



Floral leggings add a festive touch to fashion at The Pink Closet.

Festive RIDE nabs drinking drivers

South Simcoe - After several RIDE checks turned up no drinking drivers, South Simcoe Police were disappointed with the results of the latest Festive RIDE initiatives.

On Dec. 1, 116 vehicles were stopped. Police issued three three-day suspensions to drivers for registering a "warn" in roadside testing, and one 24-hour novice-driver suspension. Police remind drivers younger than 22 they cannot have any alcohol in their system while behind the wheel.

South Simcoe Police also made two impaired-driving arrests in Bradford. Around 6:25 p.m. on Dec. 1, officers responding to a road-rage report stopped a pick-up truck on Yonge Street, north of Bradford, and detected the odour of alcohol on the driver's breath. A 39-year-old Bradford woman was arrested and returned to the station for further testing, and subsequently charged with impaired driving. Her licence was suspended for 90 days and her vehicle was impounded. There were two young children in the vehicle at the time of the woman's arrest; they were taken to a place of safety.

Around 3:20 a.m. on Dec. 2, officers were dispatched to a collision on Simcoe Road in Bradford and found a car had hit a parked vehicle. Officers spoke to the driver and arrested her before she was taken to hospital for treatment of minor injuries. The 23-year-old Bradford woman was charged with impaired driving. Her licence was suspended and her vehicle was impounded.

On Dec. 2, officers set up a RIDE check on the 7th Line of Innisfil, just after the dinner hour. Within 10 minutes, they had nabbed their first drinking driver, a 39-year-old Milton woman who registered a "fail" in a roadside test and was subsequently charged with having more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood (over .08). An hour later, at a RIDE check on Jans Boulevard, two more drinking drivers were stopped - a 38-year-old Innisfil man on an ATV, subsequently charged with over .08, and a 35-year-old Innisfil woman, who failed the roadside screening test and registered a "warn" in further testing. She received a three-day suspension.

On Dec. 3, shortly after midnight, an officer stopped an 80-year-old Bradford man for erratic driving, and subsequently arrested him for impaired driving. Further tests led to a charge of over .08, a 90-day licence suspension and the impounding of his vehicle for seven days.

Also on Dec. 3, South Simcoe Police joined York Regional Police for a RIDE check on County Road 27 north of Highway 3. Three hundred vehicles were stopped; 21 drivers were asked to provide breath samples. Two registered "warn" and received three-day licence suspensions; one driver had his vehicle removed for improper plates.

In all, on Saturday and Sunday, South Simcoe officers stopped 821 drivers, tested 35 drivers and arrested six, charging them with impaired driving/over .08. Seven others received warn-range suspensions, two were charged with possession of a controlled substance, and two with novice-driver violations.

Never drink and drive. Call a cab, stay the night, appoint a designated driver or take public transit.

Winter driving tips

South Simcoe Police are offering the following tips to help drivers cope with winter weather.

Before heading out on a journey, make sure all windows, lights and mirrors are free from ice and snow, and brush the snow from on top of the vehicle.

Top up windshield washer fluid.

Listen to weather and road reports, and plan your route. If you can, avoid roads that drift over or aren't plowed. When conditions are poor, only travel if you have to.

Drive according to conditions: Weather can alter visibility and traction in an instant.

Use your full headlighting system and always wear your seatbelt.

Carry a fully charged

cellphone. If you get stranded, call 911 to alert emergency workers to your location. Stay in your car, and make sure you are carrying a winter preparedness emergency kit that includes winter gloves, toque and boots, extra clothing, blanket, a bag of sand or kitty litter for traction, small shovel with an ice scraper/snow brush, candy or chocolate bars for energy, extra windshield washer fluid, first-aid kit, hard-copy local map (not just GPS), flashlight and batteries, flares, waterproof matches and battery jumper cables.

Consider installing winter tires on your vehicle. Winter tires not only meet snow-traction performance requirements; they offer

improved performance when the temperature dips below 7 degrees Celsius. Where all-season tires become hard and don't grip, softer winter tires can shorten stopping distances by car lengths. Vehicle handling is improved when tires of the same type, size, speed rating and load index are installed on all four wheels; mixing tires with different tread patterns or internal construction can degrade the stability of the vehicle.

Proper air pressure not only extends tread life and improves safety; it also reduces fuel consumption. Remember tire pressure decreases as temperatures drop, so be sure to check the pressures at least once a month when the tires are cold.

News Brief

Battle of the Gwillimburies

Bradford West Gwillimbury Minor Hockey and East Gwillimbury Minor Hockey will face off on Dec. 10 and 11 in the fourth annual Battle of the

Gwillimburies. At stake: the trophy, and bragging rights. The ceremonial puck drop will take place on Dec. 10 at 3:30 p.m. at the BWG Leisure

Centre's Green Rink. Mayors and councillors from both municipalities will attend. East Gwillimbury is also running a food drive.



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